(c) the rate of interest to be charged by ADB thereon; and

(d) the mode of payment adopted by the Government for repayment of loan?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned one loan for the power sector during 1996-97 to the Power Grid Corporation for the Power Transmission (Sector) Project.

(b) No new projects are proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh at this stage with ADB assistance. The ADB assisted Unchahar Project is presently under implementation by NTPC.

(c) and (d). Half-yearly variable interest rates ranging from 5% to 8% per annum are charged by ADB depending upon their market borrowings. Repayments are made out of budgetary provisions of financial year.

Production of Coffee

*132. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coffee produced in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is great demand of Indian coffee in the domestic and international markets; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase the production and export of coffee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) State-wise production of coffee during the last three years in the country is as follows :-

State	1993-94 Production	1994-95 Production	1995-96 Production
Karnataka	1,44,860	1,23,050	1,58,900
Kerala	46,240	39,000	45,000
Tamil Nadu	15,840	15,870	17,500
Others	1,060	2,180	1,600
All India	2,08,000	1,80,100	2,23,000

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To increase production of coffee, the Coffee Board operates several plan schemes for intensive cultivation, replanting and quality improvement. Support is provided by way of research, extension, arrangement of credit and finance and other backup, like supply of seed coffee for planting.

Among the steps taken to boost export of coffee are:

(i) regular participation in important coffee fairs abroad;

(ii) media publicity compaign to popularise Indian Coffee;

(iii) regular market survey and deputation of business negotiations/delegations to foreign markets; and

(iv) inviting foreign market teams to the country to popularise Indian coffee

IFCI Investment in India

*135. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the aggregate investment of Industrial Finance Corporation of India has declined during the financial year ended March, 1996;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the same during 1996-97.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir. During 1995-96, financial assistance disbursed by Industrial Finance Corporation of India Limited (IFCI) amounted to Rs. 4563.26 crores registering a growth of 60.8% over the disbursements of Rs. 2838.73 crores during 1994-95. The disbursements in 1995-96 included investments in shares/debentures to the extent of Rs. 461.38 crores which was higher by 42.3% over the disbursements of Rs. 324.19 crore made during the year 1994-95.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) IFCI has reported that its performance in terms of sanctions and disbursements, including those by way of investments in shares/debentures, is largely dependent on flow of acceptable proposals which in turn is dependent on the general investment climate in the country and more particularly the condition of the capital market as well as nominal and real interest rates in the economy.

Public Sector Coal Companies

*137. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the budgetary support to the public sector coal companies has come down since 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the public sector coal companies are facing acute financial crisis; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to help public sector coal companies to tide over the financial crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.